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Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I know why Mr. Mahabala Hegde was appointed having regard to the fact that he is already President of the District Board and the Public Prosecutor? When he has so many other duties which he has to carry on—very burdensome duties—why was he re-nominated for a third time?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"For the simple reason that Mr. Hegde's presence will be useful."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"Is he able to attend the meetings regularly as a rule? I am not aware whether he is able to attend the meetings regularly generally because he is burdened with other responsible duties."

The hon. the President :—"I am afraid the hon. Member is making a speech."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"Is it not a fact that his services could be availed of only by his presence and not by his frequent absence from meetings?"

The hon. the President :—"That is really calling for an opinion."

Electric lights for Trichinopoly town.

* 1309 Q.—K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Trichinopoly municipality has made arrangements to replace kerosene lights in the town by electric lights; and

(b) if the answer is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) & (b) The question is under the consideration of the Municipal Council.

Village Panchayats

Action taken on resolutions passed at Panchayat Conferences.

* 1310 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received copies of resolutions passed at the various Panchayat Conferences;

(b) if so, whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the action that has been or is proposed to be taken in regard to each point raised in the resolutions;

(c) whether a Bill to amend the Madras Panchayat Act, 1920, was published in 1924;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, why the Bill was dropped; and

(e) whether it is the intention of the Government to invest the village panchayats with the work of the present forest panchayats and also the duties in regard to irrigation under tanks, etc.?

A.—(a) The Government received copies of the resolutions passed at the Conferences held at Nattarampalli, Anantapur, Peralam and Tiruttangal in the years 1924 and 1925.

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(*b*) No. If the hon. Member will specify the points in regard to which he desires to have information, it will be furnished.
(*c*) & (*d*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 551 (454) on 18th October 1927.
(*e*) No general order in the matter is contemplated. Each case where such transfer is proposed will be considered on its merits.

Agriculture

Application by the Devadhar Reconstruction Trust at Tanur for grants.

* 1311 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an application for grant was made for teaching agriculture in the Higher Elementary School conducted by the Devadhar Malabar Reconstruction Trust at Tanur; and

(*b*) whether he has considered it favourably?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The matter is still under consideration.

Aid to landholders keeping herds of cattle.

* 1312 Q.—K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have provided stud bulls of fine milking family to serve the milch cows in each and every taluk of this Presidency; if so, how many are now serving in each of the taluks of this Presidency; and

(*b*) whether the Government have given any aid to private landholders who keep herds of cattle; and if so, what form of help has been given to them till now?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 1244.

Co-operative Societies

Travelling allowances claimed by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies of the Fifth Circle.

* 1313 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Fifth Circle, resides in Saidapet;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he claims a town allowance of Rs. 100 under the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules, Local Allowances, clause V;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the rule allows those who reside only in the Presidency towns to claim the allowance of Rs. 100; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Fifth Circle, claims travelling allowance up to Egmore Railway station and also conveyance allowance from Egmore Railway station to the office in Chepauk when he returns from tour while he as a matter of fact alights at Saidapet?